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August 18, 2011

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20544

RE: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I respectfully submit support for the AT&T and T-Mobile merger due to the significant benefits to Southern Colorado. Our agricultural and ranching businesses would see a tremendous impact in the way they do businesses by having access to broadband speeds to help run their businesses. Families will have significant access to educational resources and our local economies will have the opportunity to expand thanks to new services.

This part of Colorado has many different types of both prairie and mountainous terrain, and the idea that much of this area would be served by the merger is impressive. El Paso County lies in east central Colorado and encompasses more than 2,158 square miles - slightly more than twice the area of the state of Rhode Island. While the western portion of El Paso County is extremely mountainous, the eastern part is prairie land where dairy cows and beef cattle are the main source of ranchers' income. Our citizens regularly voice concerns over cell phone reception in our county and this merger would help to improve service throughout El Paso County.

The altitude ranges from about 5,095 feet on the southern border at Black Squirrel Creek to 14,110 feet on the summit of Pikes Peak, near the western boundary. Bringing 97% of 4G LTE to the country, let alone to this part of the rural Colorado is impressive, especially at a time when Colorado ranks 10<sup>th</sup> from the bottom in terms of broadband availability. We welcome this opportunity to bring high speed broadband services to our area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie Clark".

Sallie Clark, El Paso County Commissioner and Vice Chair